

House Resolution 27 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

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1 A Resolution honoring the women of the 2012 Iowa State
2 University Cross Country Team.

3 WHEREAS, the 2012 Iowa State University Women's
4 Cross Country Team placed 11th at the NCAA Championship
5 meet, led by individual champion Betsy Saina and
6 All-American Meaghan Nelson; and

7 WHEREAS, led by first-place finisher Betsy Saina,
8 with Meaghan Nelson coming in second, the team won a
9 second straight Big 12 Conference Women's Cross Country
10 Championship team title; and

11 WHEREAS, Iowa State's top five finishers at the Big
12 12 championship placed among the top 15 athletes in a
13 field of 87 runners, and also included freshman Crystal
14 Nelson coming in eighth, junior Samantha Bluske coming
15 in ninth, and sophomore Katy Moen finishing 14th; and

16 WHEREAS, the Cyclones also won a second straight
17 NCAA Midwest Regional title, where in a field of 211
18 runners Betsy Saina was the individual champion and one
19 of six Cyclones to earn All-Region honors with a top 30
20 finish; and

21 WHEREAS, other Cyclones who earned All-Region honors
22 include Meaghan Nelson (fifth), Crystal Nelson (17th),
23 and Samantha Bluske (18th); and

24 WHEREAS, Betsy Saina earned the Honda Award as the
25 nation's top collegiate cross country student-athlete
26 and Meaghan Nelson was named the Big 12 Conference's
27 top cross country scholar-athlete; and

28 WHEREAS, eleven Iowa State team members were named

1 to the first team of the Big 12 All-Academic squad
2 including Meaghan Nelson, who made the squad for
3 the third straight year, while six Cyclones made the
4 premier team for the second season — Maddy Becker,
5 Morgan Casey, Maggie Gannon, Katy Moen, Bethany
6 Olson, and Taylor Petersen, and making their initial
7 appearance on the women's first team were Emily Meese,
8 Colleen Riley, Andrea Toppin, and Erin Valenti, with
9 Samantha Bluske making the second team; and

10 WHEREAS, Iowa State head coach Corey Ihmels was
11 named the Big 12 Coach of the Year for the second
12 straight season with the aid of associate head coach
13 Travis Hartke and assistant coach Sara Vergote; NOW
14 THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
16 on behalf of all Iowans the House of Representatives
17 congratulates the women of the 2012 Iowa State
18 University Cross Country Team for an outstanding 2012
19 season, with undoubtedly many more to come.